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Applicant:	Hirata et al.	Art Unit:	1646
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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed July 30, 1999, be extended for 2 months to and including October 30, 1999.

Enclosed is a check for \$380.00 for the required fee. If there are any other charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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